

**DBE GOAL METHODOLOGY
49 CFR PART 26
BOB SIKES AIRPORT
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
FY 2022, FY 2023, FY 2024**

The FY 2022 and FY 2023 projects did not meet the monetary threshold requiring development of DBE goals.

FY 2024

A. UPDATE OF GOALS - To make the program as useful as possible to the public, Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners, Florida, (Sponsor) will update the "amount," "method," and "breakout" portions of this section of the program annually, or as required. The Sponsor’s goal for DBE participation at the Bob Sikes Airport (CEW) during the period of October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2024, is 6.96%. If conditions change, for example major changes in funding, the airport will adjust the goal accordingly. The calculation for determining the overall goal for the three-year period is as follows.

B. AMOUNT OF GOAL – Sponsor’s overall FY 2024 DBE goal is 6.96% of the Federal financial assistance we will expend in FAA-assisted contracts. We expect to let projects during this FY in the amount of \$3,636,277.00; this means that our DBE goal is set at \$253,085.00 for this Fiscal Year. This overall goal is intended for information of public users of the program, and does not imply that the FAA, as such, has approved the goal.

C. METHOD STEP 1- In the development of the DBE goal for the Bob Sikes Airport the first step was to establish the availability of ready, willing, and able DBE businesses that were capable of participating in the type of contracts that were programmed during FY 2024. The project that is anticipated at the Bob Sikes Airport consists of Rehabilitation of the South Apron, along with the professional effort associated with such a project. The monetary size of the project is expected to be \$3,636,277.00. An analysis of the projects indicates that funds will be expended in the following areas:

BOB SIKES AIRPORT PROJECT ANALYSIS- Rehabilitation of the South Apron FY 2024			
TASK	NAICS	AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
General Contractor	236220	\$622,488	17.12%
Water/Sewer	237110	\$280,107	7.70%
Street & Highway	237310	\$1,649,736	45.37%
Electrical	238210	\$65,781	1.81%
Site Prep	238910	\$457,452	12.58%
Hauling	484220	\$271,800	7.47%
Engineering	541330	\$147,343	4.05%
Survey	541370	\$5,400	0.15%
Testing	541380	\$27,000	0.74%
Landscaping	561730	\$79,470	2.19%
Traffic Control	561990	\$29,700	0.82%
TOTAL		\$3,636,277.00	100.00%

The weighting factor is the value of each work item based on cost as a fraction of the whole project.

The formula to be used to calculate the Base Figure for the DBE goal is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Total DBE Firms in the Market Area by NAICS Code of Work to be Performed}}{\text{Total Firms in the Market Area by NAICS Code of Work to be Performed}} \times 100 = \text{Base Figure}$$

A review of the most recent bidders indicated bids received from the following counties in Florida: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Jackson, Leon, Columbia, Seminole, Orange, and Hillsborough. The aforementioned counties are established as the market area for the construction projects for the Bob Sikes Airport. It was generally agreed that the most comprehensive directory for DBE firms in Florida is the UCP DBE Directory that has been established by the Florida Department of Transportation. The list was refined by identifying those firms that could participate in the project by matching the specific trade and description of construction/professional effort with their appropriate NAICS and County. The resulting number will be used as the numerator in determining the Base Figure.

The next step in establishing the Base Figure was to determine our denominator. This was accomplished through the use of the Census Bureau’s County Business Pattern (CBCBP) and the identification of the NAICSs that were the same as those identified from the Directory. With these figures in-hand we compute our Base Figure using the following mathematics:

$$\frac{\text{Base Figure}}{\text{Figure}} = .1712 \left(\frac{FLNAICS236220}{NAICS236220} \right) + .0770 \left(\frac{FLNAICS237110}{NAICS237110} \right) + .4537 \left(\frac{FLNAICS237310}{NAICS237310} \right) + .0181 \left(\frac{FLNAICS238210}{NAICS238210} \right) + .1258 \left(\frac{FLNAICS238910}{NAICS238910} \right) + .0747 \left(\frac{FLNAICS484220}{NAICS484220} \right) + .0405 \left(\frac{FLNAICS541330}{NAICS541330} \right) + .0015 \left(\frac{FLNAICS541370}{NAICS541370} \right) + .0074 \left(\frac{FLNAICS541380}{NAICS541380} \right) + .0219 \left(\frac{FLNAICS561730}{NAICS561730} \right) + .0082 \left(\frac{FLNAICS561990}{NAICS561990} \right)$$

FLNAICS- Florida DBE Directory NAICS
 NAICS – Census Bureau’s County Business Pattern (CBCBP)

$$\frac{\text{Base Figure}}{\text{Figure}} = .1712 \left(\frac{6}{732} \right) + .0770 \left(\frac{0}{133} \right) + .4537 \left(\frac{10}{120} \right) + .0181 \left(\frac{5}{830} \right) + .1258 \left(\frac{6}{434} \right) + .0747 \left(\frac{8}{240} \right) + .0405 \left(\frac{6}{1441} \right) + .0015 \left(\frac{3}{144} \right) + .0074 \left(\frac{1}{86} \right) + .0219 \left(\frac{9}{1935} \right) + .0082 \left(\frac{1}{135} \right)$$

$$\frac{Base}{Figure} = \frac{.0014 + .0000 + .0378 + .0001 + .0017 + .0025 + .0002 + .0001 + .0001 + .0001 + .0001}{.0001 + .0001}$$

$$\frac{Base}{Figure} = 4.41\%$$

STEP 2: With the Base Figure established our next step was to more finely tailor this figure to reflect conditions which have occurred at the Bob Sikes Airport and other Florida airports. There are no applicable disparity studies, recent legal case information from the relevant jurisdictions, or evidence from related fields, that indicates evidence of barriers to entry or competitiveness of DBEs in the market area that is sufficient to warrant making any further adjustment. The Sponsor has considered the suggested options outlined in 49 CFR Part 26 and determined that past performance is the information that will be used to determine if an adjustment to our Base Figure is warranted. To more finely tailor the DBE goal, it was felt that a sampling of like type projects that have taken place in Florida would be appropriate for use in determining if an adjustment was required to the Base Figure. Listed below are the projects that were included for analysis. As you will note, the projects to be considered are of a similar nature and elements as the project that is anticipated in the FY 2024-time frame.

PREVIOUS FAA PROJECTS			
YEAR	PROJECT LOCATION	PROJECT TYPE	%OF DBE PARTICIPATION
2021	Northeast Florida Regional	Rehabilitate Runway	3.50%
2019	Eglin/Destin Ft. Walton	Expand Apron	16.80%
2019	Northwest Florida Beaches	Construct Apron	9.50%*
*Median			

The next step was to determine if any adjustment might be needed to the Base Figure. It was determined that the Median was 9.50% and it was felt that the Base Figure should be adjusted to cater for this variance.

A summary of this analysis yields the following:

MEDIAN PERCENTAGE	9.50%
BASE FIGURE	+ 4.41%
	13.91% ÷ 2 = 6.96%

After consultations with airport personnel, consultants, and stakeholders it was agreed that the Median Percentage was valid. The final step in the comparison was the development of a simple average of the Base Figure and the Median Percentage to establish a final percentage. The result of this was 6.96%. It was felt that the Base Figure of 4.41% should be adjusted for this variance. The Average Percentage of 6.96% is established as the goal for DBE participation for this project.

D. PROCESS - The Sponsor submits its overall goal for FY 2024 to the FAA in April 2024, for their consideration and approval. Before establishing the overall goal each year, the Sponsor’s representative has consulted with stakeholders to obtain information concerning the availability of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged businesses, and the effects of discrimination on opportunities for DBEs. The Sponsor’s efforts are to establish a level playing field for the participation of DBEs. Following this consultation, the Sponsor has published a notice of the proposed overall goal, informing the public that the proposed goal and its rationale are available for inspection during normal business hours at the Sponsor’s principal office for 30 days following the date of the notice, and informing the public that the Sponsor and FAA will accept comments on the goals for 30 days from the date of the notice. This information was posted on the sponsor’s website <https://flyvps.com/> and made available to the Office of Minority Business Development in the State of Florida. The notice will include the Sponsor’s addresses to which comments may be sent. The overall goal submission to the FAA will include a summary of information and comments received during this public participation process and the Sponsor’s responses. We will begin using our overall goal on October 1 of each year, unless we have received other instructions from DOT. The following businesses/agencies were invited to the consultation, Women’s Business Association, Argon Roadway Signs Corporation, Capital Trucking, LLC, AEG Environmental Services Corporation, Central Hauling & Excavating, Inc, and DE Traffic, LLC. Stakeholder consultation discussions were held with the following agencies on March 13, 2024 at approximately 3:30 CDT with no comments received.

OKALOOSA COUNTY AIRPORTS AGENCIES CONSULTED WITH
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Stephen Saxer, Airports Finance & Project Development Specialist Okaloosa County Airports
Taffy Pippin, Consultant Taffy Pippin Consulting, LLC
Clayton Pippin, Planner Taffy Pippin Consulting, LLC

The public notice has been posted with no comments received.

E. RACE CONSCIOUS AND RACE NEUTRAL GOALS- Each time the Sponsor submits an overall goal for review by the FAA, the Sponsor will also submit a projection of the portion of the goal that is expected to be met through race-neutral means and the basis for that projection. This projection is subject to approval by the FAA, in conjunction with its review of the Sponsor’s overall goal. The Sponsor will establish contract goals to meet any portion of an overall goal when the Sponsor does not project being able to meet goals using race-neutral means.

We estimate that, in meeting our goal of 6.96%, we will obtain 4.06% of the goal from race-conscious participation and 2.90% via race-neutral participation measures.

This breakout was established by computing the median of the variance of the level of DBE participation vs. DBE goal on the three years considered in Step 2 of the Previous Accomplishments. The Median is 2.90% and is established as the race-neutral goal for FY 2024. The following is the data base upon which the level of variance was computed:

DBE GOAL VARIANCE				
YEAR	LOCATION	DBE GOAL	% OF DBE PARTICIPATION	VARIANCE
2021	NE Florida Regional	9.10%	3.50%	-5.60%
2019	Eglin/Destin Ft. Walton	13.20%	16.80%	3.60%
2019	NW Florida Beaches	6.60%	9.50%	2.90%*
* MEDIAN VARIANCE				

F. CONTRACT GOALS- Sponsor will use contract goals to meet any portion of the overall goal that the Sponsor does not project being able to meet using race-neutral means. Contract goals are established so that, over the period to which the overall goal applies, they will cumulatively result in meeting any portion of our overall goal that is not projected to be met through the use of race-neutral means.

G. THREE YEAR GOAL- Based on the methodologies and calculations for FY 2022- FY 2024 for the Bob Sikes Airport the following average is submitted as a three-year goal. As there were no projects in FY 2022 and FY 2023 that reached the monetary threshold requiring a DBE goal, 0.00% will simply serve as a place holder.

FY 2022 –	0.00%
FY 2023 –	0.00%
FY 2024 –	+ <u>6.96%</u>
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*References: Florida UCP List of Certified DBE Firms, February 2024
2022– U.S. Census Bureau February 2024*